has been prevalent for a number of years.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) During 1992-93, the actual expenditure on procurement of drugs was Rs. 176.52 lakhs. The estimated expenditure on this account in 1993-94 was Rs. 207.46 lakhs.

Agreement with Westland Ltd. and Rolls Royce for repairs and maintenance

2333. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had entered into an agreement with Westland Helicopters Ltd. and Rolls Royce for the acquisition, deployment, utilisation, repairs and maintenance of aircraft etc.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government finally grounded the Westland helicopters because they were found unreliable; and

(d) if so, how much loss was suffered by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Pawan Hans Limited entered into an agrement with M|s. Westland Helicopters for supply of 21 Westland helicopters, and future product, maintenance and training support at a price of 65 million pounds. The cost of Westland helicopters was covered under an outright grant from the British Government. M/s. Westland also paid a lump sum subsidy of 10 million Pounds.

A contract was entered into with M|s. Rolls Royce for supply of 6 Aero Engines, Modules, test bed, spares and future product, maintenance and training support at a cost of Pounds 5 millon.

(c) As a result of problems faced during operations, the entire fleet of Westland helicopters was finally grounded on 9-2-1991 for reasons of safety and economic viability.

(d) Pawan Hans suffered a loss of Rs. 56.52 crore subsequent to grounding of Westland helicopters during 1991-92 to 1993-94.

Dispute involving Minister's son in Indian Airlines flights

2334. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that son of a Union Cabinet Minister travelled recently in Indian Airlines from Bombay to Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there was a dispute involving him and staff on the plane;

(c) whether the identity Card of his father was flashed by him and discloesd that he was the Minister; and

(d) if so, what are the facts of the incident and what action, if any, has been taken against him for falsification of the identiity of the Minister?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) As per the Cabin Crew flight report of IC-183 of 9-7-1994, one passenger occupying seat no. 4-F in 'J' Class was heavily under the influence of liquor. He disclosed his identity by showing a visiting card on which was written 'Ram Lakhan Singh Yadav, Minister'. He was passing remarks on the airhostess. During the take-off run, he got up from the seat and started moving towards the front. The cabin attendants tried to stop him and he became very aggressive and wanted to speak to the captain. After some time., the pilot-in-command came in the cabin to pacify him. During the dinner service, the passenger dropped the food

and water on himself. All the food, cutlery and glasses were strewn an other him and were cleared by the cabin attendents. After that, the passenger slept in a drunken state. No action has been taken by Indian Airlines against him.

Estimates Committee's recommendation on vesting more powers to service chiefs

2335. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Estimates Committee of the Parliament had recommended vesting of greater powers to the three Chiefs of Staff;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken thereon;

(d) whether an inter-Ministerial Committee reviewed the delegation of powers to service Headquarters and lower echelons in the services; and

(e) if so, the details of the specific recommendations made by the inter-Ministerial Committee and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The Estimates Committee of Parliament in its Report has referred to the issue of enhanced delegation of powers to the Chiefs of Staff. The delegation of financial powers to the Services is reviewed from time to time and enhancements as are considered necessary are ordered.

(d) and (e) The Government have considered the inter-Ministerial Committee's Report and substantive recommendations of the Committee have been accepted. Accordingly, financial powers delegated to various authorities in Services Head quarters and lower echelons in the Services have been enhanced.

Indo-Russian collaboration for aviation venture

2336. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of Prime Minister to Russia, an agreement was signed for setting up an Indo-Russian Collaboration for aviation venture;

(b) if so, the details of the contemplated project and its objectives; and

(c) the steps taken so far and being taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) An agreement on formation of a joint venture company by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), in collaboration with Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) alongwith certain Russian organisations was signed on 30 June, 1994 during the visit of Prime Minister to Moscow. The scope of activities of the Joint venture company covers warehousing of aviation stores and servicing, repair, modification, etc. of aeronautical equipment. The company is in the process of being incorporated in India and parallely various steps for its business development have been initiated.

Implementation of Pension Schemes in Defence Cantonment Bodies

2337. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rules of liberalised pension or family pension schemes are not being strictly followed by various defence cantonment bodies;

(b) whether these cantonments have been working under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Defence or Director General of Defence Estates;